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### **NASA, NOAA set to launch NOAA-N Prime satellite**



NASA is preparing to launch NOAA'S latest polar-orbiting operational environmental satellite, called NOAA-N Prime, providing an essential resource for NOAA's weather forecasts and improving the U.S. search and rescue operations.

NOAA-N Prime is scheduled to lift off from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., on Feb. 4, at 5:22 a.m., EST (2:22 a.m. PST).

"Within the U.S. and around the world there is a growing demand for reliable coverage and accurate data from satellites that can tell what's happening in the environment," said Mary Kicza, assistant administrator for NOAA's Satellite and Information Service. "Launching NOAA-N-Prime will help meet the demand."

As it orbits the Earth, NOAA-N Prime will collect data about the Earth's surface and atmosphere that are vital inputs to NOAA's weather forecasts. NOAA-N Prime has imaging and sounding capabilities that are broadcast around the world and recorded on board for playback over the NOAA and European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellite ground stations. Space weather instruments provide data useful for warnings of solar winds that may impair communications, damage satellites and power systems, and affect astronaut safety.

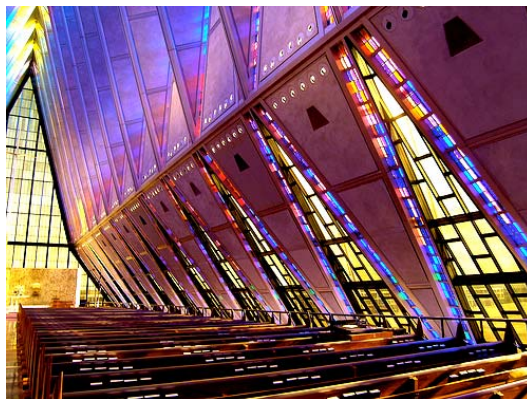
NOAA-N Prime has instruments that support the Search and Rescue Satellite-Aided Tracking System (SARSAT), part of the international satellite system that includes the Russian-provided satellites (COSPAS). Since SARSAT was established in 1982, NOAA polar-orbiting satellites have been detecting emergency distress beacons set by aviators, mariners and individuals in remote locations and relaying them to ground stations so that rescue teams may be dispatched. More than 24,500 lives have been saved through the satellite-based search and rescue system to date.

## CAP CHAPLAIN SERVICE

The Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol chaplain service consists of four chaplains and seven character development instructors (CDI). The CDIs work with the CAP cadets, ages 12-18, on developing a moral sense and building personal standards for behavior and determining right and wrong. Chaplains, too, work with cadets, and in addition they provide a chaplain presence in CAP search and rescue missions.

Courtesy of

Major ELIZABETH TATTERSALL  
NV WING CHAPLAIN



USAF ACADEMY CHAPEL – inside

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## 50 strange buildings of the world

1Lt ARMY GAMSON – NCS Editor

I've recently received a LIST OF THE 50 STRANGEST BUILDINGS. Number 32 was the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY CHAPEL in Colorado Springs, CO. I wouldn't say 'strange' is the word to describe it, more like uniquely beautiful.



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY CHAPEL

Amazed at the outside, I found it was just the beginning when you look at the inside.

## CONGRATULATIONS

JAN 20 NCS MEETING

Lt Col BRIAN DINSMORE, NCS SAFETY OFFICER received the ONE YEAR OF SAFE OPERATIONS AWARD. The Lt Col has completed his LEVEL 4 TESTS.



SM TED MOHRHARDT received the ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for his work on the SIMS computer, inputting records. Have you ever wondered how your records are so up to date in the system all the time? (don't answer)

12 Cadets took their tests, 11 PASSED.

## CAP NCS WEBSITE

[www.nvwg.cap.gov/units/ncs.htm](http://www.nvwg.cap.gov/units/ncs.htm)

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